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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Evans, T EXAMINER: W. Moore
APPLICATION NO.: 09/249,543 GROUP: 1652
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FOR: Intein-Mediated Protein Ligation of Expressed Proteins

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I hereby declare that:

1. My name is Shaorong Chong and I am a named inventor on the above-identified Application. I have been employed by the Assignee at all relevant times.

2. I understand that claims 24 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by a reference naming myself, Ming-Qun Xu as well as Kay Williams and Chad Wotkowicz as authors. These claims are directed to modified inteins. This rejection should be waived in recognition of my status and that of Ming-Qun Xu as inventors. Kay Williams and Chad Wotkowicz are co-authors but are not inventors. Both Kay Williams and Chad Wotkowicz were involved in creating constructs for modulation of protein splicing. Their work with respect to claims 24 and 28 was performed in entirety under my direct

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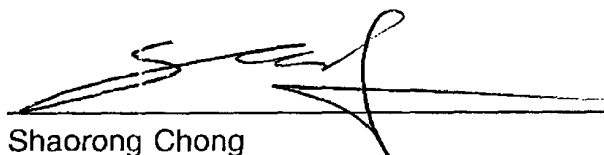
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supervision. Their contribution did not rise to the level of inventorship and consequently are not listed on the present Application.

3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Shaorong Chong

6-28-2002
Date